

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

All Californians should be prepared for potential power outages.

When will a Public Safety Power Shutoff occur?

Every situation is unique. Your energy company makes the decision to turn off power by monitoring local fire danger conditions across California and taking into consideration a combination of weather and environmental factors.

If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system serving your community, it may be necessary for PG&E to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is called Public Safety Power Shutoff.

Sign up for updates related to Public Safety Power Shutoffs here, and learn more about if where you live might experience a shutoff:
www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts

More information is available at: www.pge.com/wildfiresafety

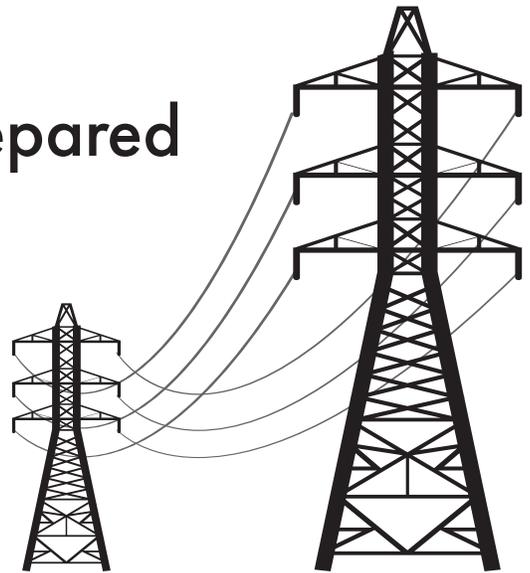
If a Public Safety Power Shutoff is needed due to extreme weather conditions, you can expect:

EARLY WARNING NOTIFICATION – Your energy company will aim to send customer alerts before shutting off power.

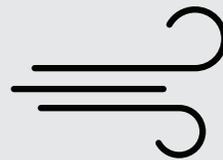
ONGOING UPDATES – Your energy company will provide ongoing updates through social media, local news outlets and their website.

SAFETY INSPECTIONS – After extreme weather has passed, your energy company will inspect the lines in affected areas before power is safely restored.

POWER RESTORATION – Power outages could last multiple days depending on the severity of the weather and other factors. It is important that you and your family have an emergency preparedness plan in place.



PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF MAY OCCUR DUE TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:



**HIGH WINDS AND
HIGH WIND GUSTS**



**LOW HUMIDITY
LEVELS**



**DRY VEGETATION
that could serve as
fuel for a wildfire**



**FIRE THREAT
to electric
infrastructure**



**REAL-TIME
OBSERVATIONS
by on-the-ground
field experts**



**RED FLAG WARNING
declared by the National
Weather Service**

How long will it take before power is restored?

Power will remain out for as long as extreme and dangerous weather conditions pose a potential fire risk. After a Public Safety Power Shutoff event, your energy company will inspect and repair power lines and equipment so that power can be safely restored.

Depending on the severity of the weather and other factors, power outages could last several hours or multiple days – so it's important you and your family have an emergency plan in place.

What if I'm dependent on electricity for a medical device?

During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, ALL customers serviced by an affected power line will have their power shut off. If you rely on electric or battery-dependent medical technologies such as breathing machines, a power wheelchair or scooter, and home oxygen or dialysis, it is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage.

YOUR PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE:



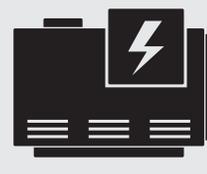
Keeping emergency phone numbers handy



Identifying a backup location where you can go



Making sure your energy company is aware of your medical device



Considering a safe backup power source, such as a generator or uninterruptible power supply



Establishing multiple people you can contact for help who know how to operate your equipment and backup systems

Residential customers who have special energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions should sign up for the Medical Baseline Program through their energy company. In addition to the lower rate on your monthly energy bill, this program can help by providing extra notifications in advance of a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

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RESOURCES

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You can contact PG&E to inquire about when your power will come back on after a shutoff by calling:

1-800-743-5002

You can register a complaint or get more information about vegetation management by calling:

1-800-743-5000

You are encouraged to visit www.pge.com/pspsupdates for the most up-to-date Public Safety Power Shutoff information, including addresses for the Community Resource Centers and a link to an address look-up tool where you can search for potential impacts.

For additional assistance, call the district office. The district office is here to serve you and help in any way possible:

Merced District Office
510 West Main Street, Suite E
Merced, CA 95340

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